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The Library

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too pay for it. As we see it, no one
to adding "Do we need a new library?",
but 2Where will we put it?" And that,
we believe, is a good thing.

Latest of the proposals was that of
Mayor Rerbert Baxter. Yesterday he
loud the County Commissioners he
thought it ought to be a "fifty-fifty
proposition. And the Commissioners apparently agreed with him, for they
promptly approve the many proposition of the proposition of the proposition of the proposition on the administrative body.

Actually the phrase "fifty-fifty" is
a mite misleading, and lest the County
residents get unduly alarmed that
they're going to be paying more than
their share, we'd like to point out a
couple of things. The 1944 tax listing
for the county as a whole showed
property valued at more than \$162,
00,000 for the entire county. Of that
betal, more than \$121,000,000 is inside
the city limits—about 73 per cent.

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Mayor Baster has proposed, for example, a bond issue of \$300,000 by the City Government and another for a like amount by the County Government. Not only will city taxpayers repay all the City Government's issue. They'll also repay 78 per cent of the County Government's bonds. Mayor Baxter further proposes a County-wide The control of the cents, and also a special City tax rate of five cents more. In this case, City taxpayers will pay all of their own five-cent levy, plus 73 per cent of the County's five-cent tax rate. So, you see, the city folks will really be paying the bulk of the cost of building and operating the library system. And that is as it should be.

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We point it out merely to remind
the County Commissioners that the
plece of property at the southeast corner
of Third and Tryon Streets which they
have zealously guarded for so long
would be an admirable place for the
they library. (It might be big enough,
as a matter of fact, for a library and
a new auditorium.)

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But once sgain the City folks own
73 per cent of that building. Even
if it would bring a big price on the
open market, wouldn't it be better to
put it to public service and plump the
new library building down there than
make a few thousands more by selling it?

Harry's Boy

Some little research, plus an instinc-Some little research, plus an instinc-tive mistrust of the man, has produced for us no bill of particulars against the appointment of Aubrey Williams as Ru-rial Electrification Administrator. His integrity and ability seem to go un-challenged, and while the National Youth Administration, over whose un-veiling to a skeptical country his same man presided, was gladly dropped by veryong concerned with it when the war came on, Williams is generally cred-ticed with having run the thing accord-ing to orders.

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Orders, probably Mrs. Roosevelt's, were to spread the NYA appropriation around even if clients for the relief had to be solicited. Williams spread it.

It is possible to contend that in naming such a hot potato to a post in his Administration, the Preadent-was simply asking for trouble, waving a red tlag in the built face. Unlike Henry Wallace, who would be expected to provide the 60,000000 jobs which are going to keep the country flourishing after the war, there is no special call for a man of Williams' stamp in REA. A hundred others could do the job as well. Indeed, there is some room for the suspicion that the President threw Williams to Congress as a piece of good red herring to divert attention, and ire, from the American of the constant of the control o More important Wallace nomination.

A likelier explanation, however, is that he did it at the instance of Harry Hop-lins, whose protege Williams is.

The gentleman is due a hearing on his merits, of course, because his per-

sonal reputation is at stake. But if the Senate were to turn him down on the ground that one less controversial could be expected to turn in a more acceptable job for REA, we consider that there would be some justification-in the ac-

Fingerprinting :

North Carolina police and sheriff or-ganizations are getting their dander up over a new law which has been introduced in the House. The law came introduced in the House. The law came from Durham County and would ber police officers from fingerprinting persons arrested for misdemeanors except in certain instances. We haven't heard the arguments in behalf of such legislation, but it seems that the only possible ground for objecting to fingerprinting is our natural reluctance to put ourselves on record with the FBI, the Gov'a'mint, or anybody else.

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We can't recall offnand any complaints to this newspaper, by letter or
otherwise, against the insperpinding
practices in vogue today. It may be
true- that some of our officers have
been eager-beaver junior commandos
in their enthusiasm for fingerprinting
everybody in sight, but we're inclined
to view that as rather harmless.

to view that as rather harmless. If there are good arguments for such a law, we'd like to hear them. But we still stand by the belief that fingerprints on file won't inconvenience anyone but the law-breaker, and that our freedom is not being encroached upon when we press our fingers on an luk pad.

National Resource

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Something that is likely to come out of this war, and to the tune of public acclamation in spite of its newfangledness, is aubidized advanced education little sciences (and maybe in the acta) in the sciences (and maybe in the acta) in the sciences (and maybe in the acta) in the sciences (and maybe in the acta) a precedent by any and Navy lave set a precedent by a science personnel in critical specialties of the science of a science of science of the science of control of the science of colucating and training future generals and admirals at the public expense. It was national self-protection in its simplest form. Furthermore, not oven the fact that appointment to West Point or Annapolis is delegated principally to the politicians has served to put the system in low repute. Courses at the two institutions are attiff enough to weed out the unfit.

After the war, the country will be a good deal shorter of the rising generation of doctors, technologists and apprentices of science than of trained military men, and a good deal shorter than it can afford to be for reasons of medical and industrial advancement. This acute need will inevitably suggest aid for the exceptional young-sters on a basis of national necessity, and that will be the entering week for a system which will make it possible for the preferred students in those fields, unhindered by financial pressure continue their education as far as their mentors determine they should. America has long fancied itself as a land of unlimited opportunity, where

their mentors determine they should. America has long fancled itself as a land of unlimited opportunity, where the individual with ability and perseverance could go just about as far as he liked. That system, we must concede, has produced many exceedingly able men and marvelous scientific accomplishment, and we are not. In favor of ditching it for the Federalization or confidence of advanced creativities of control of the socialization of advanced scientific edu-

At the same time, there is no telling At the same time, there is no teimig how much has been lost to the nation at large because of the failure to look upon the exceptionally promising youth as a national resource. For every one who has made the grade on his own efforts, perhaps two for twelve) others were lost to lesser endeavors, and so to the well-being of us all.

Wool-like textiles are now made of fish, peanuts and milk—a great break for months that had wearled of the monotony.—North American Newspaper Alliance.

Statesmen At Work

(Serious, Jacetious and consic excerpts from the Congressional Record).

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The Merry-Go-Round

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Last Spring when Mexican Foreign Minister Padilla made the same guggestion, Hull was politely but equally adamant. Argentina, to him, was like a member of the family committed for insanity—a question you just did not discuss.

the family committed for insanity—a question you hat did not discuss lot of Latin Americans boiling mad. They are the made in the Latin Americans boiling mad. They are the subject tablored. They felt they had a right to talk about it.

Then Hull resigned, and members of the State Department began to discuss Argentins. Among others, charge of Pan-American affairs, began to consider the problem and even indicated we should appease Argentina. Then suddenly word came from the Naval hospital. Mr. Hull had heard rumors of Argentine appeasement and he put his foot down. The suddenly word came from the Naval hospital. Mr. Hull had heard rumors of Argentine appeasement and he put his foot down.

It was at about this point user the strong of the through the total Latin American ambassadors, in effect:

"We're not sure what the solution is, but it's a tough problem and let's talk it over."

Even this was a considerable departure from Hull's policy of no discussion. However, it had a helpful effect on Fan-American harmony. It was like opening a proper of the control of the

Underground Loeder

Meshville, aide from willingmen to discuss Argentine, policy indeed the State Department definition for the State Department definition for the Land down, by St. Wall—son-recognition. This opposition leader to the Argentine Function, came to washington and wanted to see Moion Rockeller.

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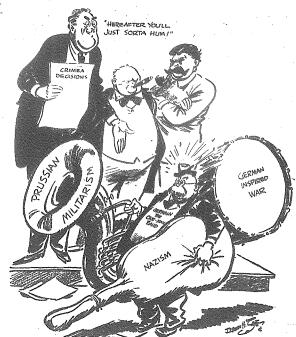
"We want ne money, no arms," was the reply, "We want only the continued non-recognition of Argentins."

Rockefeller assumed himself briefly at this point and went in to see Secretary Stettinius. When he returned, he assured framain:

"Don't worry. There will be no recognition of the Argentine colonels."

Hull's views had prevailed. This will be the defi-nite policy of the United States at Mexico City.

His New Part In The Concert Of Nations



France Is A Wasted Land

By Marguis Childs

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remarkable impression of the accuracy of precision bombing when you see one or two spans gone with virtually no damage done to the area immediately around the bridge.

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The ports suffered perhaps the most serious damage of all. Even those put back into use by the military are mere rulend shells.

In Le Havre, the destruction extends literally for miles. The whole area back of the docks was rased by "Allied bembling. The detailed story of this will probably not be told until after the war. The Germans, before they milied out, made hash of the great dock installations, warehouses and trackage facilities.

The U. S. Navy has done a remarkable job in re-eloring the port, so that today more carge passess through than in peacoitine. It is handled by means of ingenious, improvised floating docks rigged in the midst of the wreckage.

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While many workers in Le Havre are able to find jobs with the Navy in setting up temporary decks. others also out a bure existence in the ruins. You determine you are them painstakingly salvaging bricks, metal and whatever else has any value.

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At Lyons, every bridge across the Rhone was destroyed by the flecing Germans. Temporary structures carry civillan and military traffic auphlying a French bomber group, part Chile First Tactical Air with the Course of the Course of the Course to the Course of that plantering, we were told at Lyons.

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Devaid M. Netter.

.-Donald M. Nelson.

Our Winter offensive from Dec. 16 is now concluded. It is too had that no other re-sults have been gained from it but, to reach our original humbers partitions.

The unofficial opinion in the Pa-cific area was, up to the Philippinea Invasion, that it would be 2 1-2 years after V-E Day till Japan Inlls. Now it seems that it will take longer

-Lt.-Cel. Timothy A. McInerny of Boston, Mass. There is no question that the Japanese have improved their planes and the mergin

an. -Arismus L. Gaiss, Assistant ficerstary of the Navy for Alr.

There will be need for every sarden and for all of the home canning that can be done this year.

—WFA Administrator, Marvin

Jones.

Eitler's arrates to all intents and purposes have lest the war and any further resistance amounts to sameless bloodsted.



"Please leave the radio alone, Henry! I still remember how you fixed our sweeper—instead of cleaning the carpet it gave it a shave!"

People's Platform

Editors. The News:

If Henry A Wallace has not been continued as Secretary of Commerce by the Secretary of Commerce by the Secretary of Commerce by the Secretary of Commerce has been continued as the Indian of Indian of Commerce are merely exhibitions of spite directed primarily indian of the Indian of Indian of

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Senators who are loyal to the corporations they represent.

Some newspapers, he their seal is a show that they are on the "right" side, have convicted Mr. Wallace of being a true Christian.

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Government lending agency in all of the opposition to Mr. Whilace is the composition of the composition of the composition of the composition of the context. Infecentially, Mr. Jesse Jones is a hard-boilted hanker whose highly developed acquisitive faculty keeps him from being too good and honests, and hence peculiarly and honests, and hence reculiarly and honests, and hence excluding the composition of the composition o

I was about to forget to mention that Mr. Wallace is also a devout Preabyterian. Who would have thought that a good, earnest, capa-

ble, honest and upright Freeby-terian could also be a Communisti Evidentity, all politicians and edi-tors are not logicians.

Once there was a man named Jesus, and a judge named Pilats.

— LEWIS AYER SMITE

Charlotte.

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-N. L. GOLDEN

History Repeats

By Dorothy Thompson

NEW YORK

flood and fire.

As usual the Germans themselves reveal by acts what their
words deny. The Mast radio announced that Hitler and Humnler
had declared martial law over
most parts of Germany, and that
very civilian, man, woman, or
child, who leaves his job or falls child, who leaves his job or falls in his duty, would be court-martialed and subject to the death penaity. This order must be considered in the light of the fact that officials, such as mayors, in the seatern provinces have slready been shot for "cowardice" and "desertion".

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a supreme from the service and the service that Hiller, who always extributed the loss of the last war to the "Dolchatons von Hinten"—the civilian revoil, in the reas of the civilian revoil, in the reas of the civilian revoil, in the reas of the civilians than the solders. The civilians than the solders. The was, of course, a direct reflection of news from the front, and the universal reciprition of the fact ways blamed those who acted upon the recognition—the Recognition—the Recipilian covers, to whom he added all rad-

icated, and the Social Democrate suppressed. Yet, though terroristic methods can postpone civilian re-volt, they will not prevent history from repeating itself.

from repeating itself.

But this time the collapse is far more likely to take place at the front than at the rear, for it is far easier to suppress civilians by terror than to present armies from taking a few staps forward into the ranks of the Allies and surrendering - individually and

eurrendering — individually and in droves.

Now, the German officer and solder at the front, who loves his country more than he loves his Fucher, must be asking himself some questions. (And I augest there are millions of Germans who care niore for Germans who care niore for Germans) who care more for Germany and their own skins - than the

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